

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A sheet package which can be loaded in a sheet storage unit of a printer, comprising:

a stack of sheets as print media for the printer; and

a package member covering the exterior of the stack of sheets, wherein:

the package member includes a first portion covering only one of upper and lower faces of the stack of sheets, a second portion connecting with the first portion and covering a side face of the stack of sheets, and a third portion connecting with the second portion and covering the other of the upper and lower faces of the stack of sheets, and

the first portion of the package member includes a first exposing portion exposing part of the stack of sheets to allow entrance of a sheet feed roller of the printer, and

the package member includes a second exposing portion exposing a side part of the stack of sheets facing a pressing member provided to a side wall of the sheet storage unit of the printer parallel to a sheet feed direction so that the pressing member can press the stack of sheets against a positioning portion provided to the opposite side wall of the sheet storage unit parallel to the sheet feed direction, wherein the first portion and the third portion are only connected by the second portion that faces only the side face of the stack of sheets;

and

a belt shaped member is wound around the package member.

2. (Original) The sheet package according to claim 1, wherein the second portion covers a side face of the stack of sheets on an upstream side in the sheet feed direction.

3. (Original) The sheet package according to claim 1, wherein the sheets are heat-sensitive sheets.

4. (Original) The sheet package according to claim 1, wherein a part of the package member covering the exterior of the stack of sheets consists of the first portion, the second portion and the third portion.

5. (Original) The sheet package according to claim 1, wherein lengths of the first portion and the third portion of the package member in a direction orthogonal to the sheet feed direction are equal to a length of the sheet in the direction orthogonal to the sheet feed direction.

6. (Currently Amended) A sheet package which can be loaded in a sheet storage unit of a printer, comprising:

a stack of sheets as print media for the printer; and

a package member covering the exterior of the stack of sheets, wherein:

the package member includes a first portion covering one of upper and lower faces of the stack of sheets, a second portion connecting with the first portion and covering a side face of the stack of sheets, and a third portion connecting with the second portion and covering the other of the upper and lower faces of the stack of sheets, and

the first portion of the package member includes a first exposing portion exposing part of the stack of sheets to allow entrance of a sheet feed roller of the printer, and

the package member includes a second exposing portion exposing a side part of the stack of sheets facing a pressing member provided to a side wall of the sheet storage unit of the printer parallel to a sheet feed direction so that the pressing member can press the stack of sheets against a positioning portion provided to the opposite side wall of the sheet storage unit parallel to the sheet feed direction, wherein the first portion and the third portion are connected by the second portion that faces only the side face of the stack of sheets,

wherein the first portion includes an identification part readable to a sensor of the printer, the identification part including:

at least one of colored/uncolored parts colored/uncolored in a prescribed color;
and

a positioning cut made into the uncolored part in order to form a tab part which can be engaged with the sensor of the printer.

7. (Currently Amended) A package member covering the exterior of a stack of sheets and being loadable in a sheet storage unit of a printer, wherein:

the package member includes a first portion covering one of upper and lower faces of the stack of sheets, a second portion connecting with the first portion and covering a side face of the stack of sheets, and a third portion connecting with the second portion and covering the other of the upper and lower faces of the stack of sheets, and

the first portion includes a first exposing portion exposing part of the stack of sheets to allow entrance of a sheet feed roller of the printer, and

the package member includes a second exposing portion exposing a side part of the stack of sheets facing a pressing member provided to a side wall of the sheet storage unit of the printer parallel to a sheet feed direction so that the pressing member can press the stack of sheets against a positioning portion provided to the opposite side wall of the sheet storage unit parallel to the sheet feed direction, wherein the first portion and the third portion are only connected by the second portion that faces only the side face of the stack of sheets, and

a belt shaped member is wound around the package member.

8. (Currently Amended) A printer comprising:
a sheet package including a stack of sheets as print media and a package member covering the exterior of the stack of sheets;
a sheet storage unit in which the sheet package is loaded; and

a sheet feed roller provided to a bottom of the sheet storage unit for feeding the stacked sheets one by one, wherein:

the sheet storage unit includes a positioning portion provided to its one side wall parallel to a sheet feed direction and a pressing member provided to the opposite side wall parallel to the sheet feed direction being biased toward the one side wall, and

the package member includes a first portion covering one of upper and lower faces of the stack of sheets, a second portion connecting with the first portion and covering a side face of the stack of sheets on an upstream side in the sheet feed direction, and a third portion connecting with the second portion and covering the other of the upper and lower faces of the stack of sheets, and

the first portion of the package member includes a first exposing portion exposing part of the stack of sheets to allow entrance of the sheet feed roller, and

the package member includes a second exposing portion exposing a side part of the stack of sheets facing the pressing member so as to allow pressing by the pressing member.

9. (Currently Amended) A sheet package which can be loaded in a sheet storage unit of a printer, comprising:

a stack of sheets as print media for the printer; and

a package member covering the exterior of the stack of sheets, wherein:

the package member includes a first portion covering one of upper and lower faces of the stack of sheets, a second portion connecting with the first portion and covering a side face of the stack of sheets on an upstream side in a sheet feed direction, and a third portion connecting with the second portion and covering the other of the upper and lower faces of the stack of sheets, and

the first portion of the package member includes an identification part readable to a sensor unit of the printer and a configuration allowing entrance of a sheet feed roller of the printer, and

the third portion has edge parts on its upstream side and downstream side in the sheet feed direction, the edge parts being configured to make contact with inner surfaces of the sheet storage unit on its upstream side and downstream side in the sheet feed direction respectively when the sheet package is loaded in the sheet storage unit, and

the package member is positioned in the sheet feed direction by the contact of the edge parts of the third portion with the inner surfaces of the sheet storage unit, wherein the first portion and the third portion are only connected by the second portion that faces only the side face of the stack of sheets, and

a belt shaped member is wound around the package member.

10. (Previously Presented) The sheet package according to claim 9, wherein the first portion is formed to be shorter than the third portion in the sheet feed direction in order to allow the entrance of the sheet feed roller.

11. (Original) The sheet package according to claim 9, wherein a difference between a distance between the inner surfaces of the sheet storage unit on the upstream side and downstream side in the sheet feed direction and a dimension of the third portion in the sheet feed direction is within 1.0 mm.

12. (Previously Presented) The sheet package according to claim 9, wherein the second portion of the package member covers a side face of the stack of sheets on the upstream side in the sheet feed direction.

13. (Original) The sheet package according to claim 9, wherein the second portion of the package member covers a side face of the stack of sheets extending in the sheet feed direction.

14. (Original) The sheet package according to claim 9, wherein the first portion, the second portion and the third portion of the package member are formed integrally.

15. (Currently Amended) A package member covering the exterior of a stack of sheets and being loadable in a sheet storage unit of a printer, wherein:

the package member includes a first portion covering one of upper and lower faces of the stack of sheets, a second portion connecting with the first portion and covering a side face of the stack of sheets on an upstream side in a sheet feed direction, and a third portion connecting with the second portion and covering the other of the upper and lower faces of the stack of sheets, and

the first portion includes an identification part readable to a sensor unit of the printer and a configuration allowing entrance of a sheet feed roller of the printer, and

the third portion has edge parts on its upstream side and downstream side in the sheet feed direction, the edge parts being configured to make contact with inner surfaces of the sheet storage unit on its upstream side and downstream side in the sheet feed direction respectively when the sheet package is loaded in the sheet storage unit, and

the package member is positioned in the sheet feed direction by the contact of the edge parts of the third portion with the inner surfaces of the sheet storage unit, wherein the first portion and the third portion are only connected by the second portion that faces only the side face of the stack of sheets, and

a belt shaped member is wound around the package member.

16. (Currently Amended) A printer comprising:

a sheet package including a stack of sheets as print media and a package member covering the exterior of the stack of sheets;

a sheet storage unit in which the sheet package is loaded, the sheet storage unit including a pressing member provided on a side wall of the sheet storage unit parallel to a

sheet feed direction and a positioning portion provided on a wall of the sheet package opposite the side wall;

a sensor unit provided to a bottom of the sheet storage unit for identifying the type of the sheets stored in the sheet package; and

a sheet feed roller provided to the bottom of the sheet storage unit for feeding the stacked sheets one by one, wherein:

the package member includes a first portion covering one of upper and lower faces of the stack of sheets, a second portion connecting with the first portion and covering a side face of the stack of sheets on an upstream side in ~~a~~the sheet feed direction, and a third portion connecting with the second portion and covering the other of the upper and lower faces of the stack of sheets, and

the first portion includes an identification part readable to the sensor unit and a configuration allowing entrance of the sheet feed roller, and

the third portion has edge parts on its upstream side and downstream side in the sheet feed direction, the edge parts being configured to make contact with inner surfaces of the sheet storage unit on its upstream side and downstream side in the sheet feed direction respectively when the sheet package is loaded in the sheet storage unit, and

the package member is positioned in the sheet feed direction by the contact of the edge parts of the third portion with the inner surfaces of the sheet storage unit,

the first portion of the package member includes a first exposing portion exposing part of the stack of sheets to allow entrance of the sheet feed roller of the printer,
and

the package member includes a second exposing portion exposing a first side part of the stack of sheets and a second side part of the stack of sheets, the first side part

facing the pressing member so that the pressing member can press the stack of sheets so that the second side part is positioned along the positioning portion.